

August 8, 2019

The August 8, 2019 meeting of the Mansfield Township Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Dawn Smith, held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act of 1976. Present were Dawn Smith, Robert Jewell, Jim McMekin, Glenn Todd and Ruth Panté; excused were Paul Tarlowe and Kathie Todd. Also present was Mayor Joseph Watters.

Bee Huts

No full details on the bee huts placement, this is on hold until the September meeting. A report to ANJEC is due in September. Mr. McMekin has two trellises for this project.

Mushroom Growing Primer

A flyer is being prepared and will be circulated for this workshop with a possible date in October.

Mail

ANJEC seeks support for an ordinance blocking plastics.

Environmental Issues

Mr. McMekin reported a CBD oil dispensary has opened in Washington, another one is coming soon to Hackettstown.

Reporting for the Land Use Board, Mr. Jewell said a minor subdivision completeness hearing will review a Rt. 57 site behind the used car lot; there is adequate room to subdivide.

Mr. Jewell also reported for the Open Space Committee that contractor Kunzman has contracted to do windows, doors, etc. at the Mt. Bethel Church but his work is very slow; he is being prodded to get things moving because there are time constraints to be dealt with and because it is hoped to get this tightened up before winter. We are getting closer to the availability of more grant money from the State.

Mr. Tarlowe sent an e-mail indicating his concern that there is limited visibility through the Township website. Mr. Watters explained that everyone should have more access to the website as soon as the updates are completed. Once completed, the website should be more complete and more accessible.

Discuss pheasant farm, now vacant, no offers.

Mr. Jewell MOVED to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth A. Panté, Clerk

**Next meeting date:
September 12, 2019**